

NEARLY 400,000 SHOPMEN IN COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE

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Repairmen Have Quit Work—Union Leaders, Labor
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Today to Canvass Strike Ballot of Track Men—Jewell
Charges Labor Board Failed to Exclude From Wage Re
duction Hearings Almost 80 Roads That Had Violated
Rulings of Government Tribunal.

Chicago, July 2.—(By The A. P.)—Railway executives, union leaders and the United States railroad labor board marked time today in the country-wide

strike of shopmen while train service continued uninterrupted by Saturday's walk-out.

B. M. Jewell, head of the shopmen, who ignored the orders of the labor union to appear before and explain his strike action, spent the day at union headquarters receiving reports from all sections of the country. While he refused to comment on the matter,

ed to give any figure, he asserted that the walk-out was practically 100 per cent.

Railway executives, however, claimed that probably less than ninety per cent of the 400,000 employees actually joined the walk-out, which began at 10 a. m. yesterday. Because of the Sunday holiday, the railroads were unable to make a complete survey of their shopmen, but that train service had been maintained.

With the union leaders refusing to treat with the labor board, the railway

executives asserting that the dispute was a "company" matter, "between the company and the government," and the talk of a strike assuring the full protection of the government. Interest in railway circles was not aroused until yesterday when the executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees will convene tomorrow to canvass the ballot of the track men. Hope was expressed by the rail executives that the strike would be averted.

Mr. Jewell today explained he ignored the labor board's summons because he believed the charges were unfounded. He said the board's hearing was a reduction hearing almost eighty days that had in part or wholly violated rulings of the board. He said he was a railroad employee, to be heard by the board with no slight misgivings.

He said that all of these eighty days

Washington, July 2.—The move of the Harding administration against the Chemical Foundation, Inc., was today given a new twist by the announcement in Washington on this scorching hot Sunday that the determination of the administration to take action against the foundation was based on a report which was organized by Dr. George G. Van and several of his associates in

alien property custodians' office under the War Relocation Authority in a letter made public yesterday in the White House as among the president's "most thoughtful" decisions. The alien property custodians' office is the turn of all patents, copyrights and other property transferred to the foundation by the War Relocation Authority. The administration's move declined to say what was contained in the letter.

of the shop craft could have gone to the men with this as an argument for the strike. But the strike was not done and postponement of the strike was humanly impossible.

At my appearance before the board could not have resulted in arbitration. The board should have been authorized to make a program authorizing the strike. Only those men could recall the order. If I had

"Justification of my refusal to obey the summons is seen in the fact that the men are now on strike, without food or loss of life and are upholding law and order. If I had gone before the board they would have asked me to resign, which would have ended in chaos among the shop crafts organizations."

of the revives the shipmen's strike ballot would probably be made public tomorrow afternoon by the union. He said that since the strike order became effective he has received numbers of telegrams from shipmen protesting the walk-out was almost 100 per cent. effective. One of the telegrams, he declared, was from the president of the American Brotherhood of Railway Car Men of

America, and said that this organization was 100 per cent responsive to the strike leader.

The strike ballots show a most intelligent understanding of the issues involved. The men voted for the union once each on wages, working rules and outside contracting by the roads, were submitted to the vote. The men voted for the union on all three issues, indicating the railroad men know their wants. When the results of the strike ballots were announced, immediately is rendered extremely difficult for American workers to get into the basic industry, for that is what organic chemical industry is."

Mr. Garvan said that when the American Chemical Association was formed, it controlled the American production of dyes, but refused to sell to the German Government, thus saving the American enterprise. He said the Chemical Foundation was organized

These three votes are announced by the executive committee of the strike will be apparent."

Strike instructions have been mailed to all shop card holders in this strike. The strikers have been requested to obtain a meeting hall, elect a presiding chairman and arrange necessary picketing.

There is a growing realization among the American public," he said, "that it is necessary to take prompt action to promote the organic chemical industry."

Investigations already made, showed the members of the foundation and the heads of all patriotic and national organizations are all Americans.

HAYS GOVERNMENT ATTACK A GERMAN VICTORY

Grand Rapids, Pa., July 10 (AP).

The reference to "scabs" was seen as a slur against the union made by Bert W. Hooper, chairman of the labor board, yesterday in which he asserted that the strike was "a violation of the properly constituted government tribunal and" that, therefore, "men 'who assume the work abandoned by the strikers' are scabs."

Railway executives meanwhile stated that the strike had not affected in any way the movement of mail, freight or passengers. Despite a record breaking number of pre-holiday travelers and assured that it would be a "smooth sailing" for the remainder of the season.

walkout could pair seriously the efficiency of their service.

MAINTENANCE OF WAY
EMPLOYEES MAY STRIKE

Detroit, Mich., July 1.—(By the A. P.) The executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers

will meet here tomorrow and decide on Friday in the cellar of his home where the 400,000 members of the craft clothing caught fire, presumably on strike. In protest against the wage matches which the boy had for the fire crackers. He was burned a

cut instituted by the United States rail- chest and abdomen.